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ENGINEERS FROM V CORPS' 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION BUILD FOUR FIGHTING POSITIONS FOR USE BY GEORGIAN FORCES

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FORWARD OPERATING BASE GABE, Iraq —Engineers from Charlie Company of V Corps' Task Force 82nd Engineers recently started construction of four fighting positions along the Diyala River Bridge located on the western end of Blue Babe Highway.



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A Soldier from Task Force 82nd Engineers of V Corps' 1st Infantry Division (right) looks over a newly constructed fighting position along Iraq's Diyala River Bridge with a commando from the nation of Georgia. The engineers built and handed over four such positions to the Georgians.

The construction of the positions took place in conjunction with transferring responsibility of bridge security to the Georgian Commando unit. The positions will assist the commando group from the former Soviet republic in preventing anti-Iraqi forces from damaging the bridge, an important crossing point for units throughout the division moving to both FOB Warhorse and Logistic Support Area

Anaconda.

The Georgians provided their ideas of where they would like the positions placed to support their security scheme.

The construction of the positions was undertaken while the task force and the Georgians conducted training and coordination for the transfer of authority. Charlie Company Soldiers shared security tactics and procedures with the Georgians and performed joint dismounted patrols through the wooded area around the bridge.

The Georgians said they appreciated of the support they received from the 82nd, and directed traffic and helped to provide security for the engineers as they prepared the fighting positions. The new positions are designed provide cover and protection from enemy fire, as well as protection from the weather.

With the assistance of the Georgians, Charlie Company was able to finish construction of three of the four positions before being relieved by their sister unit -- the 82nd's Alpha Company. Alpha Company troops finished the final position.

